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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 November 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-39 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 16 July 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/13/2007, 7/16/2004.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-39 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 10-39 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 11/13/2007.

3. Examiner has reviewed Applicant's arguments regarding the restriction requirement and finds them unpersuasive. There would be a burden upon the Examiner to examine, search, and prosecute claims from groups I, II, III, and IV due to their separate classifications and features.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)** as being anticipated by

Okamoto et al US Patent No. 7,310,823.

5. **With regards to claims 1 and 9,** Okamoto teaches a recording system in which an input device and a recording apparatus are connected to each other via a bus (Okamoto, Figure 4, column 7 lines 35-45), said input device comprising determination means for determining whether input content is to be protected (Okamoto, column 8 lines 10-13, encrypted as needed), said recording apparatus comprising recording means for recording on a recording medium, together with the content, protection information indicating whether the content is to be protected when being transmitted on the bus based on a determination result obtained by said determination means (Okamoto, column 8 lines 10-26).

6. **With regards to claim 2,** Okamoto teaches said recording means records the protection information in predetermined units of the content (Okamoto, column 8 lines 28-37).

7. **With regards to claim 3,** Okamoto teaches the predetermined unit is 2048 bytes content (Okamoto, column 8 lines 28-37).

8. **With regards to claim 4,** Okamoto teaches said recording apparatus further comprises encryption means for encrypting the content by using an ID and a recording medium key of the recording medium when said determination means determines that the content is to be protected (Okamoto, column 8 lines 10-27).

9. **With regards to claim 5**, Okamoto teaches said recording apparatus further comprises encryption means for encrypting the content by using at least a recording medium key of the recording medium when said determination means determines that the content is not to be protected (Okamoto, column 8 lines 10-27).

10. **With regards to claim 7**, Okamoto teaches a recording system according to claim 1, wherein: said input device further comprises first encryption means for encrypting the content before being sent to the bus when said determination means determines that the content is to be protected; and said recording apparatus further comprises second encryption means for encrypting the content before being recorded by said recording means when said determination means determines that the content is to be protected (Okamoto, column 8 lines 10-27).

11. **With regards to claim 8**, Okamoto teaches said first encryption means prohibits the content from being encrypted before being sent to the bus when said determination means determines that the content is not to be protected (Okamoto, column 8 lines 10-27).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. **Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)** as being unpatentable over Okamoto et al US Patent No. 7,310,823 in view of Ando et al US Patent No. 7,286,746.
13. **With regards to claim 6**, Okamoto fails to teach each of said input device and said recording apparatus further comprises authentication means for authenticating each other. However, Ando teaches each of said input device and said recording apparatus further comprises authentication means for authenticating each other (Ando, column 3 lines 39-45). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Ando's method of mutual authentication because it offers the advantage of ensuring that the recording and input devices are known devices which will limit the chances of the exposing of an encryption key (Ando, column 22 lines 30-50).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew L. Nalven whose telephone number is 571 272 3839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8-6, Alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571 272 3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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